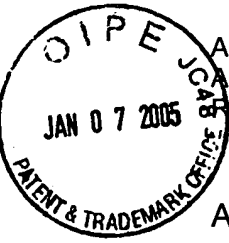


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Reply to Office Action of October 5, 2004

Application No.: 10/627,320

Applicant: Martin Theriault, et al.

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING A  
DRYATMOSPHERE TO PREVENT  
MOISTUREABSORPTION AND ALLOW  
DEMOISTURIZATION OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

TC/A.U.: 3743

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**AMENDMENT**

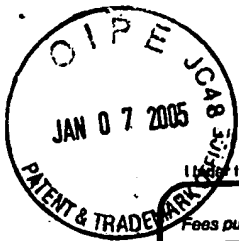
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 5, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are not included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listings of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.



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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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